

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please revise the paragraph appearing on page 9, line 29 to page 10, line 5 as follows:

The outer sheath 28 is utilized in order to stiffen the catheter portion of the delivery system so that the arc of the inner catheter member 22 will not change shape outside the body when the outer restraining member 26 is pulled back to deploy the stent. In this regard, the inner catheter member 22 can be maintained in a stationary position relative to the control handle 12 ~~and the outer restraining member 26~~ so that the inner catheter member 22 will not move distally once retraction of the outer restraining member [22] 26 commences.

Please revise the ABSTRACT appearing on page 25 as follows:

~~The invention is directed to a~~ A delivery system for implantation a self-expanding medical device in a body ~~which~~ includes a control handle and a catheter portion. The catheter portion includes an outer restraining member which covers the collapsed, medical device, an inner catheter member having a distal end including a region upon which the medical device is mounted, and an outer sheath ~~which is~~ removably attached to the control handle. The outer sheath creates a conduit for the catheter portion to prevent the inner catheter member from moving axially when the outer restraining member is retracted. The control handle has a rotatable thumbwheel to actuate a retraction mechanism attached to the proximal end of the outer restraining member which moves the restraining member in a proximal direction to deploy the medical device.